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Travels and Description	513	1,234
Poetry and Drama	400	686
Fine Arts	257	838
Language and Literature	408	682
Religion and Theology	479	201
Science	1,142	2,055
Ancient Classics	103	124
Miscellany	667	1,067
Fiction	2,964	30,184
Books for Young People	1,436	19,822
Serials	318	1,298
Works of Reference	231	
Public Documents	1,343	

Total 12,515 61,290
During the year there were added by purchase 677 volumes, and by donation 141, making an increase of 818. There were worn out and discarded 278 volumes, and 6 volumes have been lost (of which 2 have been paid for by the losers), making a net gain for the year of 534 volumes.

The present number of borrowers is 2,593 of whom 959 are males and 1,634 females. The reading room is supplied with 14 daily newspapers and 30 weeklies and periodicals, and has been

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fiction nor to furnish it in sufficient abundance. With reference to this special view of the use of fiction we submit such comparisons as are available showing the percentage of fiction and of juvenile literature to the whole of the collection, of several libraries:

Volumes:	Fiction.	Juvenile.
St. Paul.....	12 80 per cent	6 30 per cent
Peoria.....	15 45 "	9 28 "
Saint Louis.....	17 07 "	7 35 "
Winona.....	23 68 "	11 47 "

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Religion and Theology	479	1,206
Science	1,142	2,055
Ancient Classics	103	124
Miscellany	667	1,067
Fiction	2,964	30,164
Books for Yoooy People	1,496	18,622
Serials	818	1,238
Works of Reference	23	23
Public Documents	1,3-3	1,3-3
Total	12,815	61,260

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Donations during the year have been as follows:

Mr. A. A. Morey, 2 volumes; Rev. E. P. Chittenden, 1; A. P. Stokes, 1; Mr. Herman Weibel, 2; Hon. O. F. Buck, 2; Official Sources, 133. Total 141.

What we have said up to this point covers the ground upon which we are required by law to report. We have usually confined ourselves to the statutory requirements. Circumstances however seem to indicate the present as a suitable time for a more extended report, with some indication of the growth of the library during its eleven years of existence, and some examination of its achievement in comparison with other libraries:

On May 1886 the Winona Library Association, with a membership of about 150, transferred its collection of books, numbering 3,454, to this board of directors. The following table discloses the main features of the growth of the library to the present time. Our fiscal year ends February 28th, so that the years named in the table overlap each its succeeding year by two months, the year 1890, e. g., being covered by this annual report:

Year No.	Borrowing	Circulation	Books bought	Proceeds
1886. 3,903	1,755	16,001	334	44
1887. 5,046	2,000	33,722	431	47
1888. 6,077	2,200	33,722	431	47
1889. 7,075	1,622	33,723	432	56
1890. 8,016	1,870	37,813	1,072	25
1891. 8,834	1,915	38,949	1,379	95
1892. 9,559	2,035	41,010	1,410	93
1893. 10,281	2,270	44,257	818	62
1894. 11,120	2,415	51,417	1,014	20
1895. 11,984	2,484	55,104	1,011	41
1896. 12,615	2,593	61,290	1,033	78

• About \$400.00 expended in refitting building.

† About \$300.00 expended on pavement and sidewalk.

A regular and rapid growth will be noted from this table, so far as matters relating to the use of the library, but in the financial items no such increase will be observed, and it will be noted that the amount now available for the purchase of books is quite limited.

We have prepared the following table to show by comparison with other libraries what our equipment is, what demands are made upon us, and at what relative expense we have been able to meet them. First in the table are six western cities, three of them large cities and three more comparable

with Winona though all of them larger. Of the three large cities only Minneapolis has its library adequately housed, and the figures will show a fact well known to all persons interested in library work, that the Minneapolis library is a model of efficiency. Of the other libraries, that of Peoria has just been transferred to a new and excellent building. The figures, however represent work done with an inadequate equipment so far as housing is concerned. The La Crosse library has for some years had the benefit of a convenient and ample building, the bequest of Hon. G. C. Washburn.

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A	223	1,158	3,82	0.082
B	488	5,93	16,60	0.075
C	3,188	1,443	4,650	0.070
D	300	2,001	6,540	0.073
E	360	3,550	8,622	0.062
F	385	3,496	8,970	0.070
G	385	3,389	9,470	0.068
H	596	2,919	9,30	0.068

No.	Vols.	Circulation	Cost Circulation	D
Milwaukee	239,000	223,013	24,880	60
Minneapolis	80,510	55,924	44,458	70
St. Paul	63,100	42,063	20,200	99
Peoria	67,000	53,562	19,134	53
Rockford	28,000	26,819	93,809	11,160
La Crosse	24,000	43,600	20,000	24,000
Winona	12,515	61,290	1,618	57

• La Crosse has between two and three thousand public documents not included in above total. To come are with Winona, deduct our documents, 1828, to give effective library 11,182 volumes. On this basis Winona figure in column A is 530,1 to column C is 60.

On this table the column headed "A" indicates the number of volumes provided by each library for each thousand of population. It will be seen that in this provision, though we regard our library as a small one, it does not compare unfavorably with most of the western cities, though it fails to make half the provision of the average of the eight Massachusetts cities represented in the table.

In the column headed "B" is represented the home circulation of each library per thousand of population. This indicates the degree in which people appreciate and use their library privileges. It will be observed that only one of the western cities exceeds Winona in this respect, and that she does not compare unfavorably with the eastern cities having much larger collections.

The column headed "C" represents the circulation of the average volume—the number of times in the year it is drawn. In other words this column shows how severe a demand is put up on the library by the people. It will here also be noted that only one western city makes a greater use per volume of its library, and that the eight

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It is proper to feel a certain amount of pride that our community, so poorly provided as it has been with library facilities, is able to make so good a showing as we draw from the above figures. Naturally the first question raised is as to the quality of the reading done. We cannot extract so much satisfaction from comparative figures relating to the character of the books drawn by our people. We do not wish to imply that the reading of fiction is a reprehensible thing, and it should be understood that great pains have always been taken by the committee in charge, that the character of fiction admitted to the Winona library shall be as high as possible. In the same way much care has been used with the selection of books for young people, and great satisfaction is felt with the enthusiasm and eagerness of our clientele among the young. We should premise also that our department of books for the young, while abundantly supplied with well selected fiction, contains a great proportion of history, biography, travels and science, which under stimulus from some of the public school teachers has been very much read. Nevertheless, admitting the educational and moral value of the reading in these departments, it still remains true that the other part of any collection is of more importance, and its use of more enduring and solid worth. We submit therefore such figures as are available showing the percentage of the circulation of each library represented, in its issues of fiction and juvenile books:

Circulation	Fiction	Juvenile
Minneapolis	2,422	5,521
St. Paul	3,680	5,353
Peoria	3,225	5,072
Rockford	1,072	2,411
La Crosse	1,129	3,197
Winona	1,742	4,982
Fitchburg	2,058	6,094
Brockton	2,270	6,317
Woonsocket	20,830	63,219

Average of 21,500 26,657 70,513 2,65 2.65 0.067

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Volumes:	Fiction.	Juvenile.
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Peoria	15,45	11,700
Saint Louis	17,07	7,35
Woonsocket	23,08	11,47

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In closing this report it is due to the young ladies who have been in charge of the library during its course of development, to express in this public manner our appreciation of the value and faithfulness of their services. It has been with them not a perfunctory task to conduct the routine operations of our institution, but a constant labor of love. In behalf of the community we make this recognition of their well spent labor.

Dated Winona, Minn., April 9, 1897.
On behalf of the library board.

FRED S. BELL, President.
EDWARD LEES, Secretary.

Annual Report of the Secretary of the Winona Free Public Library for the Year Beginning March 1st, 1896, and Ending Feb. 28th 1897.

RECEIPTS.

Library foods	100	March 1st, 1896	\$ 38 36
Library tax for 1896	1,000		2,540 57
Interest	100		5 00
Received for dues	1,000		159 02
Received for catalogues sold	100		7 85
Received for lost books	100		1 72
Received fees for books reserved	100		1 72
Library tax for 1897 advanced to balance	1,000		14 27

Total: \$ 2,765 91

DISBURSEMENTS.

Books	500	763 49
Salaries	500	1,150 35
Lighting	50	176 75
Deliveries	50	12 25
Repairs	50	1 60
Postage	50	30
Stationery and printing	50	83 35
Binding	50	159 00
Newspapers and periodicals	50	156 85
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—Receipts—

Account with city treasurer:

Balance in city treasury January 1, 1905	\$ 2,222.30
One mill library tax.....	7,305.85
Interest	12.67
Deposits made by librarian. 190.00	

\$ 9,730.82

Account of Librarian:

Balance on hand January 1, 1904	\$ 32.77
Fines	250.51
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Catalogs sold	5.70
Collected for lost and dam-	

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Reference	379	4,240	40,285	17,278
Fiction	358	2,786
Juvenile	112	287	348	...
Polish Books	155	218	2,131	...
German Books	154	2,843
Public documents	2,017	24,029	69,330
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C. D. books 33.60
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The present number of borrowers registered is 3,977, of whom 1,361 are males and 2,616 females. The reading room is supplied with 105 papers and periodicals, and has been used during the year by 21,303 visitors, of whom 3,461 were Sunday visitors. The reference department was used by 3,553 persons.

Donations amounting to 186 volumes have been received as follows:

Hon. James A. Tawney, Public documents, 98, vols.

Mr. Bruno Weilandt, Life of Bismarck (in German), 1 vol.

Mrs. Anna Blake, Foster's Century of American Diplomacy, 1 vol.

Prof. W. H. Munson, Books relating to chemistry, 5 vols.

Miss C. V. Smith, Schmidt's Natural Laws of Musical Expression, 1 vol.

Mr. Scott Laird, Republican and Herald (bound volumes), 6 vols.

Other donors, Miscellaneous collections, 15 vols.

The following donations were made by the author:

Mr. Willard Beahan, Field Practice of Railway Location, 1 vol.

Mr. S. L. Phillips, Testimony of Reason, 1 vol.

Mr. J. H. Bridge, Inside History of Carnegie Steel Co., 1 vol.

Mr. A. A. Gundy, Negro Education in the South, 1 vol.

Mr. E. S. Balch (Ed), Alaska Frontier, 1 vol.

The following donations were made by the publishers:

Chickering & Sons, Commemoration of the House of Chickering, 1 vol.

Jewish Publication Society, Voice of America on Kishineff, 1 vol.

Society of S. A. R., National Register, 1 vol.

The following donations were from official sources:

Missouri World's Fair Commission, State of Missouri, 1 vol.

R. R. & Warehouse Commission Illinois, Report 1903, 2 vols.

State of Michigan, Documents, 2 vols.

State of Minnesota, Documents, 15 vols.

United States, Documents, 31 vols.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Library Board.

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Interest	12.67	
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Account of Librarian:

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—Expenditures—

Salaries	2,548.97
Paid for books	2,381.41
Periodicals	262.45
Binding	554.24
Maintenance of building and	
improvements	759.28
Printing	475.60
Light	312.78
Fuel	438.94
Postage, freight and express	
hills	45.22
Insurance	27.00
Library supplies	101.95
Deposits	190.00
Miscellaneous disbursements	56.10

\$ 8,153.94

Balance in city treasury.. 1,912.04

Balance in librarian's

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EDWARD LEES, Secretary.

The monthly report of the librarian for December was also submitted at the Saturday afternoon meeting. This showed the customary falling off in the demand for books in that month due to the holiday hustle. The statistics for the month of books loaned out were given as follows:

	Adults	Chil.
History	624	46
Biography	184	48
Travels	139	75
Literature and Language	139	17
Fine Arts	151	26
Useful Arts	57	12
Natural Science	697	20
Sociology	121	10
Religion	32	19
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Magazines	522	28
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Total 6,126 1,794

Grand total 7,920

Other statistics for the month were

as follows:

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Books catalogued first of month 23,450; books added by purchase, 85; books added by donation, 11; books discarded, 189; books catalogued end of month, 23,357.

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LIBRARY REPORT

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	Added	Total	Circulation
History	26	302	1536
Biography	26	213	1031
Travels and Description	13	228	1108
Literature	23	146	1033
Fine Arts	9	59	381
Useful Arts	4	45	166
Natural Science	18	235	1193
Sociology	8	551	226
Religion	6	54	301
Philosophy	1	1	4
Magazines	2	8	283
Reference	1	5	
Fiction	342	1704	19064
	478	3051	66026

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Receipts.

—Account With City Treasurer.—	
Balance in city treasury Jan.	
1, 1906	\$1,912.04
One mill library tax	7,001.95
Interest	16.94
Deposits made by librarian..	228.20

\$9,159.13

—Account With Librarian.—
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1905. \$ 26.85

LIBRARY

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Fines	244.20		
Fees for books reserved	8.12		
Catalogues sold	3.40		
Collected for lost and damaged books	7.31		
C. D. books	93.10		
Receipts from all other sources	17.50		
	\$ 400.48		
	\$9,559.61		
—Expenditures.—			
Salaries	\$2,576.95		
Paid for books	1,715.14		
Periodicals	273.75		
Binding	246.68		
Printing	218.20		
Maintenance of building and improvements	2,246.13		
Light	309.12		
Fuel	108.70		
Postage, freight and express bills	43.32		
Insurance	72.96		
Library supplies	106.77		
Deposits	225.00		
Miscellaneous disbursements	35.61		
	\$8,178.03		
Balance in city treasury	\$1,360.36		
Balance in librarian's hands	21.22		
	\$9,559.61		

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Of the above additions reported 1666 were by purchase and 187 by donation; a list of the donors is made part hereof. There were discarded during the year 932 volumes, many of them very old works of a miscellaneous character and no longer called for. 5 volumes were lost and paid for by the losers, and 14 volumes are missing and unaccounted for. The net gain for the year is 921 volumes. 526 books were rebound during the year, and 91 magazines. The increase in total circulation over that of 1904 is 8416 volumes, about 9.2 per cent.

More than half of the increase in circulation is in the children's department. Owing to a somewhat discouraging tendency observable in the character of the books drawn by the public during the recent preceding years, due perhaps to the absence of influences of an intellectually stimulating character, such as university extension

books, the circulation has been put in at a total outlay of \$1,750, part of which was made in previous years; and a renovation of the heating plant has been made at a contract price of \$1,664, a portion of which has been withheld until severe weather has tested the new apparatus.

Donations have been received as follows:

Donor	Volumes
Hon. Jas. A. Tawney Public Documents	17
Hon. Jas. A. Tawney, War of Rebellion Records	21
Mr. E. S. Youmans, Works of Voltaire	42
University of Chicago, Publications	10
Mr. Scott Laird, Republican & Herald (bound)	7
Mrs. L. D. Frost, Loniastara Purchase Exposition	2
Mrs. W. J. Landon, Bowerman's-Sherman's Campaign	1
Mrs. W. J. Landon, Cornwall; Life of Garfield	1
Miss Helen Staples, Lutherans in America	1
Rev. J. J. Cleland, Goodnow; City Government	1
Mr. Earl Simpson, Miscellaneous Collection	5
Mr. J. Bowe (Author), With the Thirteenth Minnesota	1
A Friend, Swedenborg Publications	17
Other donors, Miscellaneous	8
Official Sources, Public Documents	53

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PAST YEAR AT LIBRARY

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The report of the librarian included a number of statistics for the year. The showing regarding books in the library at the present time and those purchased and donated during the year as follows:

Volumes	Total Pur-	Do-	
	chased nated		
History	1793	33	7
Description and travel	1265	39	1
Biography	1262	50	3

Language and literature	4806	1000
Fine arts	2778	849
Useful arts	930	277
Natural science	9956	777
Sociology	2016	263
Religion	861	184
Philosophy	461	3
Magazines	6835	307
Fiction	39012	19275
German	2761	
Polish	884	
 Total	18479	26736
East End Library	3150	
Total	108365	
 Total in 1905	99977	

An increase of 8388
The book borrowers now number 4,429; visitors to reading room, 18,904; Sunday visitors, 2,424; reference department, 4,4324; average Sunday visitors, 46; books discarded, 651; books lost and paid for, 1; books unaccounted for, 19; books rebound, 956; magazines bound, 130.

The periodicals for the reading room consist of eight daily newspapers, seven weekly newspapers, eighty-seven magazines. The papers donated are Winona Weekly Leader, Our Dumb Animals and Northwestern Agriculturist. The magazines donated are: Iron Age, Spirit of Missions, (Episcopal), Our Animal Friends, Moodys Magazine, Forward, (Presbyterian.)

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There are nineteen books which the stock taking has shown to be unaccounted for.

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Natural science	919	53 2
Sociology	1300	79 6
Religion	862	32 11
Periodicals	1577	129
Philosophy	611	11 1
General works	46	
Reference room	1638	41 6
Fiction	4418	519 14
Juvenile	3278	555 8
Polish works	462	176
German	443	226
Public Documents	3030	2 96
Total	26577	2116 162

The showing concerning books for young people by classes was as follows:

	Total Pur-	Do-
	chased nated	
History	308	21
Biography	228	18
Description and travel	243	22
Literature	174	37 2
Fine arts	70	14
Useful arts	48	3
Natural science	248	17
Sociology	51	3
Religion	60	7
Philosophy	1	
Magazines	9	1 3
Reference	26	21
Fiction	1812	391 3
Total	3278	555 8

The circulation for the months of September, October, November and December at the new East End branch was as follows:

Miscellaneous

Fiction

Polish

Juvenile

Total

The books given out during the year are classified as follows:

Adult Children.

History

Description and travel

Language and literature	4806	1000
Fine arts	2778	840
Useful arts	920	277
Natural science	9956	777
Sociology	2016	263
Religion	861	181
Philosophy	461	3
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Receipts.

Balance with City Treasurer,

January 1st, 1906 \$1360.36

One mill library tax 7111.37

Tax sale88

Interest 10.63

Deposits made by Librarian. 120.00

Total8612.24

Account with Librarian.

Balance with Librarian, January 1st, 1906. \$ 21.22

Fines 268.42

Fees for books reserved 14.38

Catalogues sold 4.30

From lost and damaged books 1.05

From all other sources 6.21

Total \$ 315.55

Less amount deposited with

City Treasurer 120.00

Total \$8807.82

Expenditures.

Salaries \$2859.00

Books 1858.45

Periodicals 318.34

Binding 518.77

Printing 180.12

Maintenance and improvement

of building 834.46

Light 621.60

Fuel 419.01

Postage, Freight and Express 54.54

Insurance 63.25

Librarian Supplies 89.55

Miscellaneous 43.89

Total \$7551.28

Balance with City Treasurer,

Dec. 31st, 1906. 1234.98

Balance with Librarian, December 31st, 1906 21.53

Total \$8807.82

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

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General Works ..	49	3	
Reference Room	1692	59	6
Fiction	4644	474	3
Juvenile	3572	575	4
Polish Books	481		
German	440		
Public Documents	3071		41
	—	—	—
	28059	1889	204

Books for young people in library
by classes:

		Total	Pched.	Don'd.
History	324	18		
Biography	252	24		
Description and				
Travel	263	24	1	
Literature	198	27	1	
Fine Arts	80	13		
Useful Arts	50	2		
Natural Science..	257	18		
Sociology	60	10		
Religion	63	5		
Philosophy	1			
Magazines	8	1		
Reference	25			
Fiction	1991	433	2	
	—	—	—	
	3572	575	4	

Circulation of books:

		Adult	Children
History	3290	1622	
Biography	1333	403	
Description and Travel	1901	1433	
Language and Literature	3772	755	
Fine Arts	1773	453	
Useful Arts	1308	71	
Natural Science ..	3958	1136	
Sociology	1498	292	

Newspapers, weekly, 7.
Magazines, 94 (75).
Branch Library Periodicals:
Newspapers, 4.
Magazines, 9.
Papers donated: Winona Weekly
Leader; Northwestern Agriculturist;
Christian Science Sentinel; Our Dumb
Animals.

Magazines donated: Iron Age; Spirit
of Missions. (Mrs. Snow); Moody's
Magazine. (Mrs. Hayes); Forward,
(Pres. paper, Mrs. Hayes); American
Monthly Magazine, (D. A. R.); Chris-
tian Science Monthly; Music Re-
view, (Mrs. Snow); Michigan Alum-
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Books donated to the library during

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library and the larger account with
the city treasurer as well, and was as
follows:

Receipts

Account with City Treasurer:	
Balance with City Treasurer,	
January 1st, 1907	\$1,234.98
One mill library tax	6,989.27
Interest	11.10
Deposits made by Librarian..	70.00
	—
	\$8,305.35
Account with Librarian:	

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Number of volumes in library by classes:

	Total	Pched.	Don'd.
History	1857	61	6
Description and			
Travel	1245	82	2
Biography	1727	64	2
Language and			
Literature	2300	161	4
Fine Arts	933	74	6
Useful Arts	648	68	5
Natural Science	963	46	
Sociology	1297	96	3
Religion	588	21	6
Philosophy	336	26	
Periodicals	1736	79	116

General Works ..	49	3	
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Fiction	4614	474	3
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Religion	795	203
Philosophy	628	1
Magazines	6239	355
Fiction	39161	17107
German	2675	
Polish	2744	
Mis. Branch Lib.	652	
Juvenile, Branch Lib...		4679
	71677	28513

Total	100,193
Branch Library:	
Circulation	
Fiction	874
Miscellaneous	652
Polish	2,195
Juvenile	4,679
Total	8,400

Visitors	11,895
General Statistics:	
Book Borrowers, 4,664.	
Visitors to Reading Room, 18,149.	
Visitors to branch library, 11,899.	
Daily average visitors, 57.	
Daily average at branch library, 38.	
Sunday visitors, 2,731.	
Average Sunday visitors, 52.	
Reference department, 3,276.	
Books discarded, 611.	
Books lost and paid for, 2.	
Books unaccounted for, 30.	
Books unaccounted for, branch library, 9.	
Books rebound, 701.	
Magazines bound, 92.	
Periodicals for Reading Room:	
Newspapers, daily, 8.	

Newspapers, weekly, 7.

Magazines, 91 (75).

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Magazines, 9.

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Receipts

Account with City Treasurer:

Balance with City Treasurer,	
January 1st, 1907	\$ 1,234.98
One mill library tax	6,989.27
Interest	11.10
Deposits made by librarian..	70.00
	\$ 8,305.35

Account with librarian:

Balance with librarian,	
January 1st, 1907	\$ 21.56
Fines	232.93
Pes for books reserved ..	17.04
Catalogues sold	1.30
Lost and damaged books	5.25
All other sources	27.89

Total	\$ 305.97
Less amount deposited with	

City Treasurer	70.00
	\$ 235.97

Total	\$ 8,541.32
Expenditures	

Salaries	\$ 3,226.98
Books	2,108.71
Periodicals	286.50
Pinding	477.56
Printing	97.15

Maintenance and improvement	
of building	661.18
Light	247.53
Fuel	483.37
Postage, freight and express..	41.36
Insurance	96.00
Supplies	159.56
Miscellaneous	49.02

	\$ 7,915.28
Balance with city treasurer	

December 31st, 1907	612.59
Balance with librarian, De-	

December 31st, 1907	15.45
Total	

	\$ 8,541.32
Total	

ANNUAL OF LIBRARY

**Gain of Eighteen Thousand in Books
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THIS VERY HEALTHY SHOWING.

**As Usual Fiction and Juvenile Works
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Classes During Year—Nearly
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The annual report of the Winona free public library for the year 1908 was made public today. The report shows a healthy increase in the circulation of the library, the number of volumes issued to book borrowers in 1908 being 118,484 compared with 100,193 in 1907, an increase of 18,291. The annual inventory showed twenty-five books to have disappeared during the year and to be unaccounted for, these being nearly all in the fiction class.

Sociology	65	5
Religion	64	2
Philosophy	1	
Magazines	5	1
Reference	26	1
Fiction	2072	233
	—	—
	3704	339
		3

Circulation of Books.

	B.L. Adult.	Child.
History	7459	907
Biography	2584	469
Description and travel	1692	3101
Language and literature	5221	765
Fine arts	2075	470
Useful arts	1589	97
Natural science ...	8788	1657
Sociology	3745	397
Religion	787	161
Philosophy	425	
Magazines	7602	365
Fiction.....	41542	17487
German	2541	
Polish	1514	363
Juvenile	3465	
Adult Fiction	548	
Adult Miscellany ..	665	
	—	—

Total	6192	86413	25876
Grand total.....			118,484
Total in 1907			100,193
Increase of			18,291

Other Statistics.

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Receipts.

Account with City Treasurer.	
Balance with City Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1908.....	612.59
From County Treas., One mill tax	7,172.70
From County Treas., Mortgage Registry tax	117.04
From County Treas., Interest	7.46
Deposit of Librarian	85.00
	\$7,994.79

Account with Librarian.	
Balance with Librarian, Jan. 1, 1908	\$ 13.45
Fines	255.28
Fees from books reserved	15.96
Catalogs sold	2.80
Lost and damaged books	14.53
Memberships	6.50
Other sources	22.34

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The annual report of the Winona free public library for the year 1908 was made public today. The report shows a healthy increase in the circulation of the library, the number of volumes issued to book borrowers in 1908 being 118,484 compared with 100,193 in 1907, an increase of 18,291. The annual inventory showed twenty-five books to have disappeared during the year and to be unaccounted for, these being nearly all in the fiction class.

Following is the report complete except for the list of donations which have already been published from month to month and the list of books which have disappeared:

Number of Volumes by Classes.

	To.	Pu.	Do.
History	1880	29	2
Description and travel	1394	50	5
Biography	1771	44	4
Language and literature	2359	48	16
Fine arts	989	58	
Useful arts	679	26	6
Natural science	1009	41	6
Sociology	1474	73	4
Religion	927	35	4
Philosophy	366	30	1
Periodicals	1804	111	2
General Works	53	1	
Reference Room ...	1736	41	6
Fiction	4844	423	7
Juvenile	3704	338	4
Polish books	444		
German books	657	211	9
Public Document's ..	3138	12	55
	29227	1571	131

Books for Young People by Classes.

	To.	Pu.	Do.
History	330	10	
Biography	259	11	
Description and travel	277	36	
Literature	197	6	
Fine arts	85	9	
Useful arts	54	5	
Natural science	265	20	

Sociology	65	5	
Religion	64	2	
Philosophy	1		
Magazines	5	1	
Reference	26	1	
Fiction	2072	233	3
	3704	339	3

Circulation of Books.

	B.L.	Adult.	Child.
History	7459	907	
Biography	2584	469	
Description and travel	1692	3101	
Language and literature	5221	765	
Fine arts	2075	470	
Useful arts	1589	97	
Natural science ...	8788	1657	
Sociology	3745	397	
Religion	787	161	
Philosophy	425		
Magazines	7602	365	
Fiction	41542	17487	
German	2541		
Polish	1514	363	
Juvenile	3465		
Adult Fiction	548		
Adult, Miscellany ..	665		
	—	—	—
Total	6192	86413	25876
Grand total....			118,484
Total in 1907			100,193
Increase of			18,291

Other Statistics.

Book borrowers	4581	
Visitors to Reading room	16887	
Visitors to branch library (7mo.)	10094	
Daily average visitors	53	
Daily average at Branch Lib. (7mo)	60	
Sunday visitors	2677	
Average Sunday visitors	52	
Reference Department	4079	
Book discarded	534	
Books lost and paid for	8	
Books unaccounted for	19	
Books rebound	934	
Magazines bound	122	
Periodicals for Reading Room:		
Newspapers—Daily	14	
Newspapers—Weekly	9	
Magazines	80	
Papers donated:		
Michigan Alumnus. (Mrs. Snow).		
Winona Weekly Leader.		
Christian Science Journal.		
Christian Science Sentinel.		
Magazines donated: Branch Library:		
American Monthly. (D. A. R.)		
Newspapers	4	
Crusader Monthly. (Minneapolis.)		
Magazines	9	
Non Age. (Wagon works).		
Spirit of Missions. (Mrs. Snow.)		
Music Review. (Mrs. Snow.)		

Report of Secretary.

At the meeting of the library board on Saturday afternoon the annual financial report of Secretary E. E.

Shepard was presented as follows:

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Receipts.

Account with City Treasurer.	
Balance with City Treasurer, Jan. 1, 1908.....	612.59
From County Treas., One mill tax	7,172.50
From County Treas., Mortgage Registry tax	117.04
From County Treas., Interest	7.46
Deposit of Librarian	85.00
	\$7,994.79

Account with Librarian.

Balance with Librarian, Jan. 1, 1908	\$ 13.45
Fines	255.28
Fees from books reserved ...	15.96
Catalogs sold	2.80
Lost and damaged books	14.53
Memberships	6.50
Other sources	22.34

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$3,408.30
Books	1,653.49
Periodicals	294.75
Binding	534.68
Printing	22.00
Stationery and supplies ...	128.09
Maintenance and Improvements of Building	376.19
Light	307.86
Fuel	413.25
Postage, Freight and Express	40.82
Insurance	74.25
Miscellaneous	81.49

Total Expense	\$7,335.17
Balance with Libr., Dec. 31st, 1908	18.50
Balance with City Treas ..	887.18

Total	\$8,240.65
Respectfully submitted,	

E. E. SHEPARD,

Secretary.

An estimate for the coming years showed probable receipts and expenditures in the neighborhood of \$7,500, this including \$3,500 for salaries and \$1,740 for new books.

Winona Minn. 1909

REPORTS OF THE LIBRARY

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THE THIRTY THOUSAND MARK

This Has Been Passed in the Number
of Books Owned by the Library—
There Are Now 4,342 Borrowers
of Books from Winona Library.

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The report of Miss Clark, the librarian, was as follows:

Inventory of Books.

Volumes	Pur.	Do-
by Classes	Total	chased
History	1904	33
Description and travel	1443	51
Biography	1815	46
Language and literature	2449	95
Fine Arts	1055	64
Useful Arts	749	72
Natural Science	1047	43
Sociology	1548	66
Religion	950	22
Philosophy	388	22
Periodicals	1869	103
General works ..	54	2
Reference room	1765	24
Fiction	4991	491
		9

Ruggles.) ; Iron Age, (Wagon Works); Lend a Hand, (Mr. B. D. Blair); Music Review, (Mrs. Snow); Michigan Alumnus, (Mrs. Snow); Christian Science Journal.

Donations.

G. L. Raymond, Author, miscellaneous works	10
Mr. W. Hayes Laird, miscellaneous works	11
Mr. W. A. Finkelnburg	1
Miss Elsie Little	1
Mr. Henry Wolfer (Warden) National Prison Asso. Rept.	10
Miss Matchitt, fiction	2
Mrs. Virtue, Life of Mrs. Eddy..	3
Mr. Hugo Reisinger (N. Y.), German Art	1
Mr. A. Porter, New York State documents	3
Mr. W. G. Maxey, Grant the Man of Mystery	1
Mr. Earl Simpson, General Laws of Minnesota	1
Mr. H. N. Casson (author), Life of Cyrus H. McCormick	1
Hon. J. A. Tawney, public documents	3
Mr. Jas. Horsburgh, Pacific Slope, reference library	1
Knights of Columbus, Catholic Encyclopedia	6
Republican-Herald Office, bound volumes daily paper	5
Towle Mfg. Co., Colonial History	1
Minnesota Historical Society, collections	2
A Friend	3
Official Source, public documents	41

Total

Secretary Blair's Report.

Secretary Burr D. Blair submitted his report to the directors of the board, the report being as follows:

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Reference room	1765	24
Fiction	4991	491
Juvenile	3785	378
Polish books	432	
German	849	193
Public documents	3197	12
		47
Total	30291	1719
		107

Circulation of Books.

	Adult	Child.	B. L.
History	4754	1753	
Biography	1347	577	
Description and travel	1658	2760	
Language and literature	4800	636	
Fine Arts	2235	370	
Useful Arts	1409	228	
Natural Science	3916	918	
Sociology	3597	330	
Religion	753	98	
Philosophy	472	3	
Magazines	7963	278	
Fiction	40258	16015	
German	2765		
Polish	227	666	
Juvenile		1742	
Adult Fiction		269	
Adult Miscellany		330	
Total	76154	23966	3007
Total	103,127		

Other Statistics.

Book borrowers	4,341
Visitors to reading room	21,564
Visitors to branch library, (six months)	10,047
Daily average visitors	68
Daily average at B. L. (six mo.)	64
Sunday visitors	2,524
Average Sunday visitors	56
Reference department	2,503
Books discarded	762
Books lost and paid for	12
Books unaccounted for	39
Books unaccounted for at B. L.	11
Books rebound	463
Magazines bound	103
Periodicals for reading room— Newspapers, daily	15
Newspapers, weekly	9
Magazines	82
Papers Donated—Winona Weekly Leader, Der Western.	
Magazines Donated—American Mon- thly, (D. A. R.); Crusaders Monthly, Minneapolis; Musical Courier, (Prof.	

Ruggles); Iron Age, (Wagon Works);
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Miss Matchitt, fiction	2
Mrs. Virtue, Life of Mrs. Eddy.	3
Mr. Hugo Reisinger (N. Y.), Ger- man Art	1
Mr. A. Porter, New York State documents	3
Mr. W. G. Maxey, Grant the Man of Mystery	1
Mr. Earl Simpson, General Laws of Minnesota	1
Mr. H. N. Casson (author), Life of Cyrus H. McCormick	1
Hon. J. A. Tawney, public docu- ments	3
Mr. Jas. Horsburgh, Pacific Slope, reference library	1
Knights of Columbus, Catholic Encyclopedia	6
Republican-Herald Office, bound volumes daily paper	5
Towle Mfg. Co., Colonial History	1
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Receipts.

Account with the city treasurer—	
Balance with City Treas- urer, Jan. 1, 1909	\$ 887.18
From County Treasurer, one mill tax	6,865.28
From County Treasurer, mortgage registry tax ..	26.06
From City Treasurer, Inter- est	8.30
Deposits of Librarian	60.00
Total	\$ 7,846.82

Account with Librarian—	
Balance with Li- brarian, Jan. 1,	
1909	\$ 18.30
Fines	240.22
Fees for books re- served	19.04
Catalogs sold	1.45
Lost and damaged books	7.80
Memberships	8.75
Other sources	6.90
Total	\$ 301.46

Less deposits with City Treasurer ..	65.00	\$ 241.46
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Total receipts	\$ 8,088.28
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Expenditures.

Salaries	\$ 3,311.00
Books	1,793.84
Periodicals	307.45
Binding	296.72
Printing	6.00
Stationery and supplies ..	169.04
Maintenance and Improve- ments of building	152.72
Light	389.68
Fuel	431.00
Postage, freight and ex- press	40.43
Insurance	67.50
Miscellaneous	107.96
Total expense	\$ 7,073.38

Balance with Librarian, Dec. 31, 1909	18.54
Balance with City Treas- urer, Dec. 31, 1909 ..	996.36

Total	\$ 8,088.28
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REPORTS ON THE LIBRARY

Annual Documents Are Presented to
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BOOKS NOW NUMBER 31,180

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The report of Miss ~~Jane~~ Clark, the librarian, was as follows:

The Book Showing.

Number of volumes by classes:

Classes	Total	Purchas- ed	Do- nated
History	1,963	56	4
Description and travel	1,505	81	4
Biography	1,856	35	6
Language and Literature ..	2,523	80	4
Fine Arts	1,104	50	1
Useful arts....	767	33	2
Natural science	1,059	25	2
Sociology	1,650	90	5
Religion	969	16	4
Philosophy ...	395	6	2
Periodicals	1,923	86	
General works	56	2	
Reference room	1,789	33	12

F. E. Abbot (Author)—Syllogistic Philosophy, 2.

Hon. A. A. Dennett—Life of Grant by Smith, 1.

E. Steiger (Author)—Autobiography, 1.

Winona Lodge No. 639 Knights of Columbus—Catholic Encyclopedia, 3.

F. B. Hawley (Author)—Enterprise and the productive posees, 1.

Hon. J. A. Tawney—Agricultural year book, 3.

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St. Paul's church—History of the Diocese of Minnesota, 1.

M. L. Severy (Author)—Gillette's social redemption, 1.

Dr. H. F. McGaughay—Littell's Living Age, 40.

B. A. Mann—History of Fillmore county, 1.

J. F. Dryden (Author)—Life insurance, 1.

National Lumber Manufacturers Asso—Forest and saw mill, 1.

G. B. Knowles—Baedeker's Guide books, 4.

Mrs. A. Porter — Miscellaneous books 15.

Scott Laird—Miscellaneous books, 5.

Mrs. La Fontaine—Three vocations (Little) 1.

Mrs. G. Steele—Deirdee, (Poems) 1.

Hon. James Hill—Highways of progress, 1.

Mr. Borncamp — Miscellaneous books, 4.

A Friend—Miscellaneous books, 7.

Republican-Herald office — Bound daily paper, 7.

Official source—Public documents 20.

Total of books donated 124.

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Useful arts	767	33	2
Natural science	1,059	25	2
Sociology	1,650	90	5
Religion	969	16	4
Philosophy	395	6	2
Periodicals	1,923	86	
General works	56	2	
Reference room	1,789	33	12
Fiction	5,071	323	9
Juvenile	4,052	515	3
Polish books	419		
German	856	8	1
Public Docu- ments	3,223		26
Total	31,180	1,448	85

Circulation of Books.

	Adult	Chi- ldren.
History	5,140	3,493
Biography	1,305	867
Description and travel	3,420	3,442
Language and Lit- erature	4,270	1,785
Fine Arts	2,623	416
Useful arts	1,049	681
Natural science	4,001	1,395
Sociology	3,251	699
Religion	501	408
Philosophy	270	8
Magazines	6,346	191
Fiction	38,062	19,952
German	2,988	
Polish	468	
Total	73,695	63,237

Grand total 106,932

General Statistics.

Book borrowers	4,395
Visitors to Reading room	25,695
Visitors to branch library 6mo. 11,896	
Daily Average visitors	82
Sunday visitors	2,453
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Reference Department	3,465
Books discarded	644
Books lost and paid for	6
Books unaccounted for	39
Books rebound	921
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Periodicals for reading room	
Newspapers, Daily	14
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Magazines	95

Papers Donated.

Winona Weekly Leader	
Christian Science Monitor	
Magazines Donated	
Christian Science Journal	
Iron Age. (Wagon Works.)	
Bird Lore, (Mr. Blair.)	

Donations.

Hon. Knute Nelson—Conference of
Governors 1.

E. C. Farnsworth (Author)—Sophis-
tries of Christian Science, 1.

F. E. Abbot (Author)—Syllogistic
Philosophy, 2.

Hon. A. A. Dennett—Life of Grant.
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Receipts.

Account with City Treasurer.

Balance with City Treas-
urer, Jan. 1, 1910..... 996.36

Co Treasurer, March settle-
ment taxes 2,308.28

Interest apportionment (by
City Treasurer) 7.24

Co. Treasurer, June settle-
ment taxes 3,193.71

Deposits of Librarian 25.00

Co Treasurer, November set-
tlement taxes 1,456.09

By W. H. Laird Estate 5,000.00

Total \$12,987.24

Account with Librarian.

Balance with Librarian, Jan. 1,

1910, 18.54

Fines 212.27

Fees for books reserved 27.37

Catalogs sold 1.25

Lost and damaged books 9.43

Membership 8.25

Other sources 1.10

Total \$278.21

Less deposits with
City Treasurer ... \$25.00 253.21

Total receipts ... \$13,210.45

Expenditures.

Salaries \$ 2,952.40

Books 1,333.00

Periodicals 309.35

Binding 543.83

Stationery and Supplies 100.97

Printing 51.60

Maintenance and Improve-
ment of building 854.10

Light 384.83

Fuel 567.65

Postage, freight, and express 33.56

Insurance 54.36

Telephone 33.00

Miscellaneous 40.66

Total expense \$ 7,259.31

Balance with Librarian,

Dec. 31, 1910..... 16.69

Balance with City Treas-
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Total \$13,240.45

Respectfully submitted,

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